

Spring Reading Suggestions

The serious bit: *Why does reading matter?*

Studies show that reading for pleasure makes a big difference to your educational performance. Evidence suggests that those who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests, than those who don't, but they also **develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge** and a **better understanding of other cultures**. (Pearson UK 2019)

Some **suggestions** that might interest you, and that may be linked to a range of different subjects include:

Easier reads/Getting started:

- **Get Coding!** By Young Rewired State – The book guides you through completing six 'missions' and discovering how to create an app or a game to your own design. [LINKS TO COMPUTER SCIENCE]
- **The Neverending Story** by Michael Ende – A fantasy novel that was originally written in German and then later translated into English. [LINKS TO ENGLISH AND GERMAN]

For intermediate readers:

- The Diary of a Young Girl, also known as **The Diary of Anne Frank**, is a book of the writings from the Dutch language diary kept by Anne Frank while she was in hiding for two years with her family during the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands. [LINKS TO GERMAN AND HISTORY]
- **The King of Shadows** by Susan Cooper – a talented young actor, arrives at the newly rebuilt Globe Theatre in London to play Puck in Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream. As rehearsals begin, eerie echoes of the past begin to haunt the main characters, and he falls ill with a mysterious sickness. [LINKS TO DRAMA AND ENGLISH]
- **The Simpsons and their mathematical secrets** by Simon Singh. You may have watched hundreds of episodes of The Simpsons (and its sister show Futurama) without ever realising that they contain enough maths to form an entire university course. Singh analyses such memorable episodes as 'Bart the Genius' and 'Homer³¹' to offer an entirely new insight into the most successful show in television history. Simon Singh talks about the Mathematics of the Simpsons at Google: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bk_Kjpl2AaA [LINKS TO MATHS]
- **Coding Games in Python** by DK. Each chapter in *Coding Games in Python* shows how to construct a complete working game in simple numbered steps. [LINKS TO COMPUTER SCIENCE]

More challenging reading

- **The Hunchback of Notre Dame** by Victor Hugo - Rejected by fifteenth-century Parisian society, the hideously deformed bell-ringer Quasimodo believes he is safe under the watchful eye of his master, the Archdeacon Claude Frollo. An emotionally stirring story, Victor Hugo's *The Hunchback of Notre-Dame* is rightfully considered to be one of the finest novels ever written. [LINKS TO HISTORY AND FRENCH]

Why not write a mini review of what you have read?

Name: _____

Form: _____

Subject that you have done reading related to/inspired by: (may be taken from the list above):	The book I read was:	My star rating:	Complete a short style review of each text:
<i>Example: Humanities - History</i>	<i>The Diary of Anne Frank</i>	★ ★ ★ ★ ☆	AnneFrank: What a truly amazing read although completely heart-breaking too.
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